

INFORMATION ABOUT UKRAINE

Ukraine, the second-largest country in Europe, is twice the size of Italy and slightly smaller than the state of Texas. Bordered on the south by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, Ukraine shares borders with the eastern European countries of Belarus, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Slovakia.

Most of Ukraine is flat, with mountains found only in the west (the Carpathians) or in the south of the Crimean Peninsula (the Crimeans). The country's fertile plains, called steppes, are ideal for growing crops like wheat. The very fertile "black earth" of the country, known as Chernozem, is the reason why Ukraine is known as the "Breadbasket of Europe. Ukraine is one of the largest grain exporters in the world and the world's largest producer of sunflower seeds.

Ukraine is a semi-presidential republic. The public elects a president for a five-year term, who in turn nominates a prime minister. The nominee is then approved by the country's 450-member parliament, called the Verkhovna Rada.

On 24 February 2022 Russian army invaded Ukraine, supported by Belarus. It is the biggest attack by one state against another in Europe since World War II. Ukrainian soldiers and citizens are fighting bravely — and effectively — for their country against the massive Russian attacks. Many world leaders strongly condemned Putin's actions, and some punished Russia by stopping trade with the country or putting travel bans in place. The hope is that these punishments—called sanctions—will hurt Putin and Russia enough to stop the fighting before the war spreads into other European nations.

Capital city: Kyiv

Established: 24 August, 1991

Area: Total - 603,628 km² (233,062 sq mi) (45th), Water (%) 3.8

Population: 41,167,336 (January 2022)

Highest point: Hoverla, 2,061 m (6,762 ft)

Major rivers: Dnieper, Dniester

Language: Ukrainian

Religion: Christianity

Money: Hryvnia

State system: Unitary semi-presidential republic

Unemployment: 10.6 % (2021)

INFORMATION ABOUT VINNYTSIA REGION

Name of the region: Vinnytsia region

Established: February 27, 1932

Area: 26,513 km²

Population: 1,529,123 (2021)

Capital: Vinnytsia

Common border: 7 regions of Ukraine (Zhytomyr, Chernivtsi, Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv, Cherkasy, Kirovograd, Odesa regions) and 191 km of the state border with the Republic of Moldova

Unemployment rate: 11,0% (2021)

National minorities: The population of the region consists of representatives of 133 nationalities and ethnic groups, mostly: Poles, Jews, Moldavians, Armenians, Belarussians, Russians

Administrative division: Vinnytsia region consists of 63 communities, which are grouped into 6 districts.

Authority of the region:

Each of Ukraine's oblasts have their own legislative and executive authority, most of which is subordinate to the central government authorities. Executive power of each oblasts (as well as in other subdivisions of Ukraine) are exercised by local elected **administrations**. The heads of local administrations are in turn appointed and dismissed by the President of Ukraine upon nomination by the Cabinet of Ministers. According to the Constitution the head of the local Oblast administration should resign after a new President is elected.

Legislative power in the oblast governments is exercised by their respective oblast **councils**, which in turn supervise the activities of local administrations. They also have considerable budgets managed by an oblast council (Ukrainian: обласна рада) made up of people's deputies (representatives) voted into office in regional elections every 4 years, the last of which took place in 2020.

Transport and Logistics

Vinnytsia region has a favourable transport location, which provides additional opportunities for strengthening international connections. The railway network of the region includes an operating route length of 1,124 km, connecting all the main industrial centers of the region with cities in Ukraine, Asia, and Europe. Vinnytsia already has a direct railway connection to Polish Przemysl, from which you can get to other cities and regions in Poland, Germany, Slovakia, Czech Republic, etc.

Vinnytsia International Airport is located just 2 km from the city with a passenger turnover of 400 people per hour and existing regular international flights.

Agriculture

Vinnytsia Region has one of the strongest agricultural sectors in the country, consisting of 841 agricultural enterprises, 1,893 farms, 274.4 thousand individual family farms. The region contributes 12% to the gross agricultural output of Ukraine. Agricultural enterprises of all forms of ownership are primarily specialized in growing of cereal crops and sugar beets, the animal husbandry, meat and milk production.

Industry

There are over 1,200 large, medium and small enterprises of various forms of ownership that produce various industrial products in the region. Industrial production includes mechanical engineering enterprises, food, machine building and metalworking, wood manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, as well as clothing and textile manufacturing companies.

The food industry of Vinnytsia region is the most promising and investment-attractive economic sector of the region. It accounts for a third of total foreign direct investment inflows in the region. Food industry products are exported to more than 100 countries around the world.

Mineral resources

Vinnytsia region is remarkably rich in mineral resources. There are over 500 deposits with 18 various minerals, dozens of peat deposits, as well as unique deposits of granite, kaolin, and fluorite in its territory.

Energy

Vinnytsia region is a leader of Ukraine in the area of renewable energy. The following facilities are operating in the region: 87 solar power plants with installed capacity of 297.5 MW, 28 small hydroelectric power plants with installed capacity of 22.3 MW, 2 cogeneration units with capacity of 1.615 MW, 3 biogas plants with capacity of 14.2 MW.

Information technology

Vinnytsia Region has successful IT sector. The city of Vinnytsia ranks 6th in Ukraine by number of IT specialists with over 50 IT companies operating in the region.

Education

In the region successfully operates 6 universities with a long history, which offer a large amount of practice and flexible programs and are open to students from all around the world: Vinnytsia National Agrarian University, Vinnytsia National Technical University,

Vasyl Stus Donetsk National University, Mykola Pyrohov Vinnytsia National University, Vinnytsia Mykhailo Kotsiubynsky State Pedagogical University, Vinnytsia Institute of Trade and Economics of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics

Investment potential

The favorable investment climate is highly appreciated by partners from 54 countries all over the world which have invested in establishing almost 400 successful companies in the region with high standards of production quality and commitments to social responsibility. For attracting investments in the industrial sector and increasing the competitiveness of the regional economic system, 3 industrial parks were developed: 35.7 hectares -Vinnytsia Industrial Park, 25 hectares -Head Vinnytsia, 19.3 hectares - Vinnytsia Refrigeration Equipment Cluster.

Touristic potential

Vinnytsia Region has the largest number of palaces in Ukraine. You can find 27 palaces here! Mykola Leontovych, a famous Ukrainian composer, author of the popular Christmas song "Shchedryk" (known all over the world as "Carol of the Bells"), lived, worked, and was buried in Vinnytsia region. The National Pirogov Estate Museum is located in Vinnytsia City. Nikolai Pirogov, an outstanding scientist, a brilliant surgeon who started using surgical anesthesia, the pioneer of military field surgery, the founder of the Red Cross Society lived and worked at the Cherry Estate for the last 20 years of his life. One of the world's largest floating light and music fountains can be found In Vinnytsia. Located in the channel of the Southern Buh River where it stretches for 140 m with jets reaching up to 60 m.

One of the most popular spots in Vinnytsia region is the former Hitler headquarters located 8 km north of Vinnytsia. The Werewolf complex sprawls over several underground bunkers and 80 external buildings. Adolf Hitler stayed in Werewolf three times, 156 days in total – longer than in other headquarters. Every year many tourists come to the Vinnytsia region for health resumption.

It is worth mentioning that the resort town of Khmilnyk is also known as the Radon Treasury of Vinnytsia region. It is a balneological resort comprised of 8 health centres. The Lyadiv St. Usiknovensky Rock Monastery is situated on the rocky terrace of a 90-meter hill above the Dniester. Founded by St. Anthony of the Caves as the first Christian monastery in the area, it is considered one of the most important religious shrines in Ukraine.

Official website of the Vinnytsia Region:

<http://www.vin.gov.ua/>